

Rochester Numismatic Association Meeting Minutes



1915

R. N. A. MEETINGS		Prepared By	Robert	E.	Doty	01/05/2004
PRESIDENTS TERM		1915	01/01/1915	12/31/1915		
PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL YEAR & MEDAL NUMBER		1915	4			
PRESIDENT			Louis	G.	Amberg	
VICE-PRESIDENT			Fred	B.	King	
SECRETARY			Harry	H.	Yeager	
TREASURER			Fred	E.	Merritt	
OTHER CLUB MEDALS		NONE				
MEETING PLACE =		HOTEL ROCHESTER				
MEETINGS 1st.& 3rd.		Tuesday	Tuesday			
	Month	Date	Date			
	JANUARY	5	19 *			
* Banquet Location & # - Hotel Rochester - 3 rd. Banquet						
	mtg. #	67	68			
	FEBRUARY	2	16			
	mtg. #	69	70			
	MARCH	2	16			
	mtg. #	71	72			
	APRIL	6	20			
	mtg. #	73	74			
	MAY	4	18			
	mtg. #	75	76			
	JUNE	1	15			
	mtg. #	77	78			
	JULY	6	20			
	mtg. #	79	80			
	AUGUST	3	11 **	** Wednesday special outing		
	mtg. #	81	82	meet G. J. Bauer place of business		
	SEPTEMBER	7 ***	21	*** Mtg. Held at Masonic Lodge		
	mtg. #	83	84			
	OCTOBER	5	19			
	mtg. #	85	86			
	NOVEMBER	2	16			
	mtg. #	87	88			
	DECEMBER	7	21			
	mtg. #	89	90			
L. B. Amberg PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL STRUCK BY Bastian Brothers Co. , Rochester, N.Y.						
Joseph A. Koeb - Sculptor & Die Cutter						
		Metal	Medals Made	COST		
#ed 1 - 50		Bronze	50	\$1.75		
		Silver	4	\$4.25		
		Lead	1			
		Wax	1			
		Electroplate	1	\$6.00		

Hotel Rochester
Tuesday, January 5, 1915

67th meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association called to order by
President L. G. Amberg.

Members present: Messrs. French - W. H. Amberg - Merritt - King - Bernstein -
Bauer - Yawger - L. G. Amberg - Handler - Stanley - Bostwick -
Harold - Koeb - Wild - Kingston - Borradaile.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Our new President, in a few well-chosen remarks, thanked the members of this
Association for their selection of him as President for 1915.

Mr. Merritt reported that all arrangements for our Third Annual Dinner had been
perfected - same to be held at the Hotel Rochester on Tuesday evening, January
19th, at 7 o'clock, being empowered to promise an excellent menu, and stated
that our Committee was working with the Rochester Philatelic Association
Committee composing songs for the occasion, an orchestra having been engaged
to provide musical selections during the dinner as well as to accompany the songs.

It was also announced that Mr. Andrew Ludolph of the Philatelic Association,
who is also a member of the Rochester Bar Association, will act as Toastmaster.
Dr. Jeremiah Zimmerman, of the faculty of Syracuse University, has consented
to address the members, his subject being "Excursions in Numismatics", and
Mr. Harry E. Montgomery of Buffalo, N. Y. has selected for his subject
"The Hobby Best Worth While". Mr. H. F. Ottley, of the Rochester Philatelic
Association will speak on matters pertaining to stamps.

Any member wishing to bring a friend with him to the dinner is welcome to do so,
and through the daily papers a general invitation to attend will be extended
to anyone interested in either coins or stamps.

Dr. French and a Committee from the Philatelic Association had on approval four
valuable Egyptian Scarabei, one of which was to be selected and mounted, for
presentation to Mr. Horstman, Manager of the Hotel Rochester, on the night of
the dinner, in slight token of appreciation for the many favors extended both
Associations. The selection was finally left to the Committee.

Mr. Koeb, of the Medal Committee, reported that the work was progressing
satisfactorily and that he would have with him at our next meeting a proof of
medal showing Mr. Bauer's portrait.

Publications received:
Mehl's Numismatic Monthly
Philatelic West.

Meeting adjourned to Tuesday, January 19, 1915.

H. H. Yawger

Secretary

JOINT DINNER
OF THE
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NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

AND THE
ROCHESTER
PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION



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BLUEPOINTS

CELERY

OLIVES

RADISHES

CREAM OF CELERY

FILET OF SOLE, JOINVILLE

ROAST SQUAB CHICKEN

RISSOLE POTATOES

PEAS

MIXED GREEN SALAD, RUSSIAN DRESSING

NEAPOLITAN ICE CREAM

FANCY CAKES

DEMI TASSE

SAUTERNE

PALL-MALL CIGARETTES

CIGARS

MUSIC BY

ALBRIGHT'S ORCHESTRA

AMERICA.

My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrim's pride,
From ev'ry mountain side,
Let freedom ring.

Our father's God, to Thee
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright,
With freedom's holy light,
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God our King.

MY CROONY MELODY.

Tia-da-da, tia-da-da, tia-da-da, tia-da-da,
Listen, listen, listen to that wonderful strain,
Listen, listen, listen while I hum it again,
It haunts me, it taunts me, that tantalizing sound
Follows me around, my poor brain,
Oh, what am I going to do, what am I going to do,
Everywhere I go I hear it again, what a refrain;
Tia-da-da, tia-da-da, in the air, everywhere,
It simply saddens me, gladdens me, sometimes maddens me,
Tia-da-da, tia-da-da, tia-da-da, tia-da-da,
My croony melody.

Air: "WEARING OF THE GREEN."

A girl lived by a sewer and that girl went and died,
The cor'ner gave a verdict that she died of sewerside.
I was brought up on a bottle till I became a man,
My mother broke the bottle so now I rush the can.

Air: "CALIFORNIA AND YOU."

Don't you remember
Mo-n-tgomery on Cleopatra?
We did hear in each ear
In our wonderful dome
He put it home when he doted on Rome—
But Jerry, don't you remember
That a lawyer you must be—
So expect a choo-choo—
That's bringing him back to Roch'ster numismats and me.

Air: "I WANT TO GO BACK TO MICHIGAN."

I want to come back—
I want to come back—
I want to come back to this place,
Far away from here—
Magnifier to my face—
I love the women—
But Mr. Horstmann—
Is held by me in high esteem—
I think our Andy Ludolph's very witty,
Nevertheless, I want to be there—
I want to see there—
A certain someone full of grace—
That's why I wish again,
That I was with Horstmann,
Up in his place.

CHINATOWN.

Chinatown, my Chinatown, where the lights are low,
Hearts that know no other land, drifting to and fro,
Dreamy, dreamy Chinatown, almond eyes of brown,
Hearts seem light and life seems bright
In dreamy Chinatown.

Air: "IT'S A LONG WAY TO TIPPERARY."

He's a bad man—our Secretary—
At least his wife she says so;
For on ev'ry first and third Tuesday
Night he stays out late, you know.
Good-bye numismatists—farewell he must say
If he don't get home in better season,
He's getting too gay!

Air: "TAMMANY."

R. N. A.—R. N. A.—
Come and join us if you're sad,
R. N. A. will make you glad—
R. N. A.—R. N. A.—
R-N, R-N, R-N, R-N, R-N-A.

R. N. A.—R. N. A.—
Rochester Numismatists—
We've some "hummers," on our lists—
R. N. A.—R. N. A.—
R-N, R-N, R-N, R-N, R-N-A.

R. P. A.—R. P. A.—
We'll not let our feet get cold,
We'll keep adding to our fold—
R. P. A.—R. P. A.—
R-P, R-P, R-P, R-P, R-P-A.

HE'S A RAG PICKER.

He's a rag picker, a rag picker
All the livelong day,
He bangs upon the piano keys,
In search of raggy melodies,
All day he's at the ivories;
And while he does he composes,
Mister Moses makes an ordinary ditty,
Sound so pretty, like nobody can.
Most any time of the day,
You'll find him picking away,
He's a rag picker, a rag picker,
A rag-time picking man.

IF I HAD MY WAY.

If I had my way, dear, forever there'd be
A garden of roses for you and for me,
A thousand and one things, dear, I would do,
Just for you, just for you, just for you.
If I had my way we would never grow old,
And sunshine I'd bring every day,
You would reign all alone like a queen on a throne,
If I had my way.

Air: "WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH FATHER?"

What's the matter with "Doc" French?
Not a thing.
What's the matter with the Doctor?
Hear us sing.
If he says we will meet you at quarter-to-eight
Perhaps he will be there, but maybe you'll wait
Till half-past-ten—but we love him,
Just the same.

Air: "SILVER THREADS AMONG THE GOLD."

Doctor, I am waiting long
Till I hear that welcome gong
Which will take me far a-way
On those "Excursions" to-day—
And dear Doctor you will be, will be,
Always young and fair to me
Yes, dear Doctor, you will be
Always young and fair to me.

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Till I hear that welcome gong
Which will take me far a-way
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Air: "FORTY-NINE BLUE BOTTLES."

Thirty-eight good members
Whose names are on our roll;
Thirty-eight good members
Whose names are on our roll.
Add one more to this number
Of names upon our roll
And there's thirty-nine good members
Whose names are on our roll.
(Repeat—adding one member each time.)

A LITTLE LOVE, A LITTLE KISS.

Just a little love, a little kiss,
Just an hour that holds a world of bliss;
Eyes that trouble like the stars above me,
And the little world that sings, "I love you."

Just a little love, a little kiss,
I would give you all my life for this,
As I hold you fast and bend above you,
And I hear you whispering, "I love you."

He's been here, he's been there,
He's been almost everywhere.
He's at home in Greece and Rome
But he loves his dear old home—
America.

He's every inch a gentleman,
Who? Rev. Jeremiah Zimmerman.

He is good, he is good,
He's a man of merit.
He keeps our coin all right.
Who? Our treasurer, Fred Merritt.

A natty, little lad is he
He likes his glass of lager
A brainy little lad is he,
Who? Our secretary, Yawger.

There is a good man named Amberg
There is a good man named Amberg
Who is on Numismatics bent
He may have been born in Hamburg
But now he is our President.

He's a jolly good fellow,
He's a jolly good fellow,
And we thought it the proper thing,
To make him our Vice-President,
Although we call him King.

TOASTS



TOASTMASTER. ANDREW LUDOLPH

PRESENTATION TO WILLIAM D. HORSTMANN
BY DR. GEORGE P. FRENCH



SPEAKERS

"THE HOBBY BEST WORTH WHILE"
HARRY E. MONTGOMERY, ESQ.
OF THE BUFFALO BAR

"MINTS AND MINCE, STAMPED"
H. F. OTTLEY

"EXCURSIONS IN NUMISMATICS"
JEREMIAH ZIMMERMAN, DD, LLD.
OF SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

THE OFFICERS



ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

LOUIS G. AMBERG	-	-	-	-	PRESIDENT
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DINNER COMMITTEE

FRED E. MERRITT	L. LAWRENCE ALBRIGHT
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68th meeting
Third Annual Dinner of the Rochester Numismatic Association

The third Annual Dinner of the Rochester Numismatic Association was held jointly with the Rochester Philatelic Association at the Hotel Rochester on Tuesday Evening, January 19, 1915.

A reception was held from six to seven o'clock, to enable the guests to get acquainted with one another, swap stories, bargains, etc.

There was a round table in the center of the reception room, on which was a very attractive and appropriate center piece - a design of the head shown on our present quarter and half-dollar, over the head the motto "In God we Trust" and on the bottom the date, 1915; the milling on the edge was represented by about 100 empty cocktail glasses. This was all laid out with fresh green fern leaves on a white cloth.

At 7 o'clock the guests marched into the banquet room, accompanied by the orchestra. The table was attractively decorated with masses of red carnations, and with ferns and palms.

Mr. Joseph Hooper, oldest living member (he is nearly 82 years old) and one of the founders of the A. N. A., said grace, after which "America" was sung and the guests seated themselves to enjoy the menu, which was furnished in the usual excellent Hotel Rochester style and quality. All during the dinner Mr. Ottley, song and cheer leader, kept the guests singing the songs and parodies of popular airs which were printed on the menus.

During the evening Mr. Koeb submitted a finished proof of our Third Anniversary Medal, with Mr. Bauer's portrait. All agreed that this is the finest piece of work Mr. Koeb has yet produced for us and he was the recipient of compliments on all sides. The reverse of the medal is to be the same as last year, viz. the seal of Rochester.

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Mr. Horstmann responded very graciously, thanking both Associations, and assured us of his pleasure in having us meet at the Hotel in the future as in the past.

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A rising vote was taken that an invitation be extended to Dr. Zimmerman and to Mr. Montgomery to be present at our next annual dinner and favor us once more with a talk on any subject they may select, for either one of these gentlemen could make any subject interesting.

Letters of regret were read from Mr. E. H. Adams, Dr. J. M. Henderson, Mr. Howard Newcomb, Mr. Henry Chapman, Mr. Wm. Hesslein, Mr. E. H. Hawkins, Mr. C. F. Clarke, Mr. Lee M. Clark, Mr. G. M. Hunter, and Mr. Geo. G. Emrich.

Much of the success of the occasion was due to the efforts of Mr. F. E. Merritt, the Treasurer of the R. N. A., who worked like a beaver and was on the job every minute, not only at the dinner but before that in making arrangements, having been ably assisted by Mr. F. B. King, Dr. French, and Messrs. L. L. Albright, H. J. Haddleton, W. J. Ballard, and E. L. Stanley, who all deserve their share of credit for getting up the programme, writing the words of the songs, etc.

A photograph of the dinner party at the table was taken by Mr. C. E. Bunnell, a member of the R. N. A., who is a professional photographer, and as the hour was growing very late, the affair broke up, everybody voting it a huge success.

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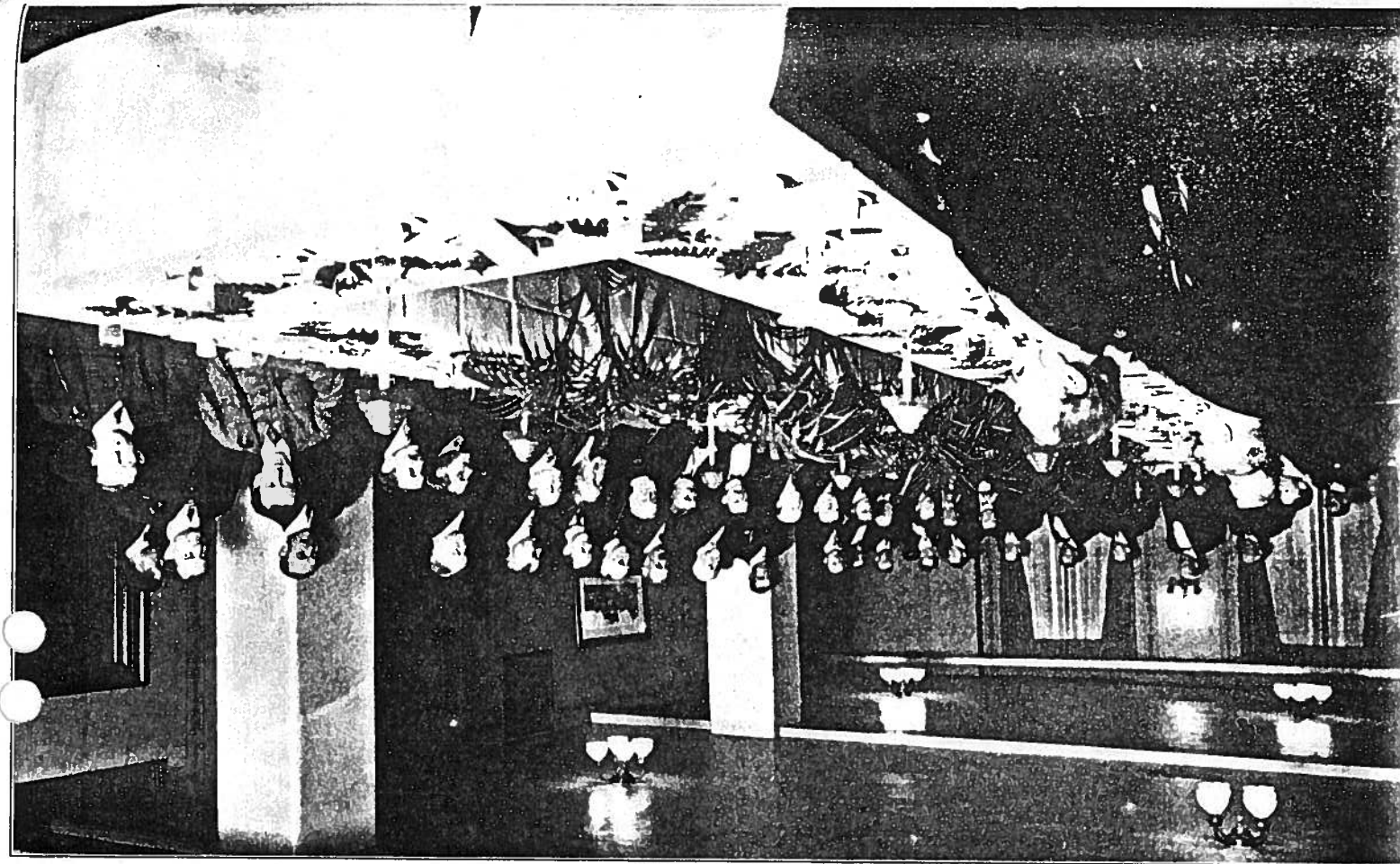
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Standing Left to Right: 1—Chas. C. Barnea, 2—F. B. King, 3—A. D. Hill, 4—F. E. Merritt, 5—Paul C. Wild, 6—W. G. Fauth, 7—C. A. Hatold, 8—C. W. Benjamin, 9—A. J. Kaufman, 10—A. A. Underland, 11—Geo. J. Bauer, 12—L. J. Woolsey, 13—E. L. Stanley, 14—J. S. Bostwick, 15—J. A. Koeb, 16—W. J. Ballard, 17—Dr. D. T. Harrison, 18—H. Van Meter, 19—W. H. Amberg.



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Following is the complete address made by Mr. Montgomery:

A hobby is to happiness what fresh air is to health; an indispensable element. Without fresh air a man for a time may enjoy a certain degree of health, and without a hobby a man for a time may enjoy a measure of happiness; but for the possession of permanent good health fresh air is a prerequisite, and for the living of a full and happy life a hobby must be ridden continually.

"Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do," and "Show me how a man employs his leisure and I will tell you the kind of a man he is," are sayings so old and true as to have become commonplace. It is the hours of leisure that constitute the crucial periods of one's life. If, when the day's work is done, there is no occupation with which to fill a man's leisure time, the demons of unrest and discontent will have a clear field in which to sow the seeds of unhappiness. If, on the other hand, when the day's tasks have been performed, he can jump onto a hobby and, with enthusiasm stirring his blood, ride until the next day's work begins, what chance has discontent and unhappiness to find an abiding place in his life?

A "hobbyless" life is engaged in a constant warfare with all the forces which create unhappiness; while with a hobby a man is too busy to be unhappy and has no time for ennui and the blues.

While hobby-riding, a man does not stop when the hair whitens, the sight becomes dim, or the voice breaks into a childish treble, but, up to the last, keeps to the saddle like the old-time fox-hunting Squire, and comes in at the death, mounted and equipped, and with a "Tally ho!" on his lips, falls into the awaiting grave.

Sir Martin Conway says that he "once knew an aged collector who was suffering all the ills that nature accumulates in the last years of some nonagenarians. His sight was feeble; he was deaf; he was often racked with pain. It seemed evident that his end was at hand. His days and nights had to be spent in an armchair, and each gasping breath seemed likely to be his last. To him entered a dealer of his acquaintance with a splendid Kang Hsi Famille verte vase, which the old man had long wished to possess. The sight of it revived his forces; his breathing cleared; he sat erect in his chair, and presently, in the excitement of bargaining was upon his feet striding about the room; the struggle of bargaining revived him, and he lived on for several years before death finally won him."

Have you ever watched the man with a hobby fondle and caress his treasures as a mother fondles and caresses her children? If you have, you will have observed the love and tenderness with which the collector regards his prizes and the happiness and gentleness which suffuses him.

The joy experienced by the rider of a hobby in the contemplation of his collection and through the glamour which envelops possession, is an indisputable proof of the usefulness and the blessedness of a hobby.

There are many kinds of hobbies being ridden to-day and each is capable of bringing happiness to its riders; among those ridden by men of average means are the collecting of postage stamps, of portraits, of autographs, of pottery, of books and of coins and medals.

Those of you who have adopted any of these hobbies are to be heartily congratulated, and you who have chosen no hobby but are contemplating the adoption of one, I would ask you to consider the relative values of these hobbies with a view to determining which one is best worth while.

A collection of postage stamps is of large value and of considerable interest in that it furnishes much information regarding the progress made by various civilized countries during the last three-quarters of a century, and presents the

portraits of the rulers and tells the story of the changes of monarchies and of governments as well as records the chief events of each country's history. While their collecting widens one's knowledge of the history of the world in an easy and delightful manner, yet as they are records covering barely a hundred years, how much less of value are they than coins and medals which record all the facts and present all the portraits to be found on stamps besides giving an epitome of the history of the world for nearly twenty-five hundred years before stamps were devised.

The collecting of portraits not only enables one to become familiar with the features of the great men and women of history, but also stimulates the study of biographies, thereby enlarging one's knowledge of life and of the history of the world. It should be borne in mind, however, that with few exceptions, portraits painted or photographed from life date only from the latter part of the middle ages and that most of the ancient wood-cuts, engravings and etchings are but copies made from portraits carved in stone or engraved on metal. While such a collection is of very great value, it is inferior to a collection of coins and medals which bear the portraits of all the men and women whose photographed, etched or engraved likenesses are worthy of collecting as well as the original portraits of hundreds of famous figures of past days which are to be found in no other place. Were it not for the coins which exhibit the portraits of Alexander the Great, and of his immediate successors Ptolemy, Seleucus, Lysimachus, and Demetrius, as well as of the rulers of many ancient cities otherwise unknown to history, we would have no means of ascertaining the appearance of these monarchs.

If the collecting of photographs, wood-cuts, and engraved portraits awakens one's interest in the men and women whose features adorn the collection, how much more must the collecting of coins and medals presenting portraits increase one's interest in the notables of the world on account of the greater number of men and women with whom one could thus become acquainted.

The gathering of autographs is a delightful pursuit, as it brings one into close and intimate touch with the lives of many of the great men of the past and enables one to penetrate beneath the outward dress-parade attitude of and through the masks worn by some of the chief actors on the stage of history. But do you realize that from the coins and medals issued by many of the rulers of the world much may be learned of the inner workings of their minds, their changing views on the questions of the day, their hopes and ambitions, and, in some cases of their mental and moral decay?

Have you ever examined the coins of Cleopatra, the fair charmer who fascinated Julius Caesar and caused the ruin of Marc Anthony? If you have, you undoubtedly have noticed how the beautiful young girl gradually lost the sweet, innocent expression and the soft, gentle lines on her face, until in the final portrait this Egyptian Queen appears masculine in type, with the lines hard, the lips voluptuous, and the expression, cold, cynical and repulsive. On the coins of Nero are clearly depicted the development of his abnormal tendencies and the gradual weakening of his mind, thereby disclosing in a clear and unmistakable manner the reason for his inhuman conduct and ferocious acts.

A collection of autographs seldom contain letters or documents which reveal the tastes, ambitions or character of their writers, and such a collection would include only the writings of those who have lived during the last four centuries, while a collection of coins and medals may contain pieces which will furnish a clear insight into the lives of many distinguished characters of the last two thousand years.

To pottery we are indebted for much of our knowledge of bygone days, as these fragile materials illustrate to a remarkable degree the development of the artistic tendencies and the mechanical skill of all races from their infancy through the course of ages down to the present time as well as reveal to a considerable extent the history, customs, mode of living, superstitions, and religious beliefs of the various peoples.

Though a collection of pottery is an invaluable aid to the study of the lives, usages, beliefs and habits of men, yet on account of the large number and variety of specimens and the high prices of so many of them, a man of moderate means is precluded from obtaining enough examples of any one series to be of any considerable value in tracing the evolutionary development of the human race.

On the other hand, by the expenditure of a few hundred dollars a man may obtain coins and medals issued during the past 2600 years which show the

development of the mechanical skill of the various civilized races and reveal many of the prevailing customs, laws, religious beliefs and habits of the people, as well as record the movements of armies, the rewards of conquest, and the suffering of the vanquished, and even such incidents as the marriage of monarchs, the birth of royal children, and the illness of Emperors. He also may secure numismatic specimens noting the occurrence of epidemics, the sacred festivals and the games of the people, and portraying royal palaces, temples, altars, amphitheatres, forums, hippodromes, mausolea, sepulchres, aqueducts, fountains, bridges, triumphal arches, obelisks, pyramids and other mighty and magnificent works which have long since fallen into ruin.

Not only may he obtain imperishable records of these interesting and important historical matters, but in addition, pieces illustrating the development of art from its archaic state in the seventh century B. C. until its full splendor was reached in the decadence of Syracuse, and thence to its gradual but steady decline until at the time of the invasion of Rome by the Northern barbarians it became almost extinct; thereafter to be revised in a totally new feeling, and to rise and fall with the changing conditions of life of the various people in all parts of the world, constituting the most complete series of original unaltered monuments giving the history and characteristics of the great schools of art.

The collecting of books in a delight as well as a means of culture. The pursuit of a rare edition in old dusty bookshops or at exciting auction sales is a pleasure most keen; but is not this same pleasure in all its degrees of intensity to be experienced in the pursuit of rare coins? And is not the pleasure enjoyed by the securing of a coin after a long, tedious, and prayerful waiting equal to that of adding to one's library a long-sought-for book?

Books are indispensable to the cultivation of the mind; but are not the sources of many of the facts found in books recorded on coins and medals? And is not the student of numismatics necessarily a student of books in all the fields of knowledge, and is not the collecting of books a part or section of the larger hobby of collecting coins and medals?

Any of these hobbies is well worth while, but the collecting of coins and medals is the one which will enable a man to obtain practically all the knowledge, enjoy all the pleasure, and receive all the inspiration toward a higher mode of living that issue from the riding of any or all of the hobbies mentioned.

The charge that a hobby is an evil in that it narrows and darkens one's outlook on life through the sacrificing to one idea a broad and symmetrical development of the mind and the many graces of a catholic culture, loses its force when applied to the collector of coins and medals.

For, as we who are riding this hobby well know, it necessitates the study of history, biography, geography, languages, poetry, art, architecture, metallurgy, mythology, folk-lore, and religion; in fact, it embraces the whole sum of human knowledge which reveals, explains, and records the life, activities, development and progress of the various races of mankind.

In order to find along life's pathway, peace, contentment and happiness, a man must adopt a hobby and ride it enthusiastically, and from a careful comparison of the relative values of the hobbies selected by men of average means I believe the fact will be patent that the collecting of coins and medals is the hobby best worth while.

Thomas Paine; Boston Theatre Medal.

In connection with the Bulfinch Boston Theatre medal of 1794, recently published in THE NUMISMATIST, the following medal may be of interest:

Obv. Between ribbon and palm united by monogram JD an ornamental circle in which in script For the Prologue at Opening of the Boston Theatre this

Rev. Between spray of flowers and laurels a circle in which in script Prize is Adjudged to Thos Paine by the Censors Gold. 45mm. All engraved.

This medal was given to the Massachusetts Historical Society in 1885 by Mr. Robert Treat Paine the astronomer, the son of Thomas Paine. A. B. Harv. 1792, who subsequently changed his name Robert Treat Paine, Jr., on account of the notoriety of his namesake "Tom" Paine of England, the atheist. M. S.

The Rickey Card, Dayton, Ohio.

BY WALDO C. MOORE.



The Rickey business card, although never considered as a war token, could be very appropriately added to the list of copperheads. Issued merely for advertising purposes, this card, during the civil struggle, often served the media of a one-cent coin in making change.

In American Store Cards, Mr. Wright lists this metallic piece as No. 895, but without remarks.

The issue with milled edge appears in copper only and in size can be favorably compared with the early cent issues.

Obverse: RICKEY'S BOOK STORE 326 3rd ST. DAYTON, O.
Reverse: FOR BOOKS & PAPERS GO TO RICKEYS. 1863 CASH PAID FOR RAGS.

James Rickey for some years conducted a book and wall paper store on East Third Street, Dayton, Ohio, later moving to North Main Street, where he carried on his business until early in the seventies, when he closed out his stock and went West, supposedly Minneapolis.

He had an investment of about \$5000 in his Dayton store. He supplied the Court House with stationery. Although his business methods were considered strictly honest, he had a queer way of making out bills, which was not always satisfactory, and which lost him considerable trade. The court proceedings show that his business record was clear. The Court House records credit him with owning real estate on West Second Street.

Harriman Medals Awarded.

Mrs. E. H. Harriman, on Feb. 10, at the Museum of Safety, 29 West Thirtieth Street, presented the Harriman bronze medal to Dennis Joseph Cassin, an engineer, who entered the service of the New York Central Railroad in 1861. Mr. Cassin had been an engineer for forty-seven years, for sixteen of which he drove the Empire State Express without accident. A. H. Smith, as President of the New York Central, received the Harriman gold medal for the road that held the record for the least loss of life. The Harriman silver medal went to the operating department of the road in recognition of the united efforts of its members in conserving life. The *Scientific American* medal was awarded to C. S. Williamson, President of the Shur-Lock Safety Company, an elevator safety device concern. Gen. William A. Bancroft, President of the Boston Elevated Railroad, received the Anthony N. Brady Memorial medal in behalf of his road. The Travelers' Insurance Company medal went to the Commonwealth Edison Company of Chicago. The Rathenau medal, which last year was awarded to Thomas A. Edison, will not be awarded this year because of the war. It was founded by the noted German scientist, Emil Rathenau.

The Graham Private Banknote.

Mr. A. B. Andrews, Jr., of Raleigh, N. C., furnishes the information that William A. Graham, the issuer of the private banknote that was illustrated on page 53 of February's NUMISMATIST, lived in Burke County, near Spruce Pine, and was a merchant and miner. It is supposed that he was also a doctor.

Hotel Rochester

Tuesday Evening, February 2, 1915

69th Meeting of the R. N. A. called to order - President L. G. Amberg presiding.

Members present: Messrs. French - W. H. Amberg - Merritt - King - Bauer - Yawger - L. G. Amberg - Stanley - Koebe - Wild - Putnam - Borradaile - Tillotson.

Report of the Dinner read and approved.

Mr. George G. Emrich of Fairport, N. Y. sent in his resignation, giving as a reason that he had for the present discontinued collecting, and his resignation was accepted with much regret.

Mr. A. J. Kaufman and Dr. D. J. Tillotson (115 Primrose Street and No. 796 ~~XXXXX~~ Clinton Avenue North, respectively) applied for membership in the R. N. A., and were duly elected.

The Chairman of the Medal Committee, Mr. Koebe, reported that the dies for the medal were completed. The Secretary was instructed to get estimates from Whitehead & Hoag Company and from the U. S. Mint, and Mr. Merritt was given authority to see Bastian Brothers, in regard to striking the medals.

The dinner Committee reported a deficit of \$40.00. The Philatelic Association subscribed one-half of this and the other half was raised in a few minutes by members of the R. N. A. present at the meeting.

A motion was made and carried that the dinner Committee be discharged with thanks.

Motion made and carried that the die of our First Anniversary Medal with portrait of Dr. French be presented to the Doctor.

Motion made and carried that an expression of thanks be sent to Dr. Zimmerman, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Ottley and Mr. Ludolph, for their talks and efforts in making our last dinner such a success.

Motion carried that Dr. Jeremiah Zimmerman of Syracuse N. Y., and Mr. Harry E. Montgomery of Buffalo, N. Y. be elected an Honorary Member of the Rochester Numismatic Association.

Meeting adjourned to Tuesday, February 16, 1915.

H. H. Yawger

Secretary

Hotel Rochester
Tuesday, February 16, 1915

70th meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association called to order by
President L. G. Amberg.

Members present: Messrs. French - W. H. Amberg - Merritt - King - Woolsey -
Plumb - Bauer - Yawger - L. G. Amberg - Kaufman.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The R. N. A. presented to the Rochester Municipal Museum the following U. S.
Cents, to better the ones now on exhibition: 1793, 1805, 1821, 1823, 1824,
1825, 1841, 1843.

Motion made and carried that the Association send with its compliments, a
photograph of our last annual dinner party to Jeremiah Zimmerman, D.D., L.L.D.,
at Syracuse University, and to Mr. Harry E. Montgomery, Buffalo, N. Y.

Mr. Joseph Hooper, one of our members, and the oldest living member of the
American Numismatic Association, will be 82 years of age on Friday, February
19th, and the Secretary was requested to send some flowers with a note to
Mr. Hooper, congratulating him in behalf of the R. N. A. with best wishes
for his continued good health and happiness.

Mr. Geo. J. Bauer had on exhibition a collection of the coins of the Twelve
Caesars, in silver and bronze, and will read a paper concerning these coins
at our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned to Tuesday, March 2, 1915.

H. H. Yawger,

Secretary

Hotel Rochester
Rochester, N. Y., March 2, 1915

71st meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association called to order by
L. G. Amberg, President.

Members present: Messrs. French - W. H. Amberg - Merritt - Ballard - King -
Woolsey - Bauer - Yawger - L. G. Amberg - Handler -
Bostwick - Koebe - Kingston - Borradaile - Tillotson.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Mr. Charles K. Warner of Philadelphia, Pa. presented our Association with 100 varieties of Masonic Chapter Pennies, all in beautiful condition, - these pennies to be placed with our exhibit at the Rochester Municipal Museum, labeled "Presented by Charles K. Warner, of Philadelphia, Pa." A motion was made by Mr. Merritt, seconded by Mr. King, and carried, that a letter conveying our thanks for the gift be sent to Mr. Warner.

Mr. W. J. Ballard displayed a United States postal note dated March 4, 1884, issued at Warren Pa., for \$1.00, in perfect condition, which attracted attention, it being the first one seen in many years by any of the members present.

A very interesting and able paper was read by Mr. Geo. J. Bauer, on the coins of the Twelve Caesars. Mr. Bauer had with him his collection of these coins, in silver and bronze, and as each piece was described by him, it was passed around for inspection and comment, Mr. Bauer translating the inscription and interpreting what the letter, etc. signified as well as what event the figures and emblems represented. In this way, the members absorbed more Roman history into their systems than they had had since leaving school, and a vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Bauer for his efforts.

Bastian Bros. submitted samples of our Third Anniversary Medal, in nine different shades and weights. After careful inspection and discussion, one of these was selected which was satisfactory to all and an order was placed for fifty of them, which will be ready for delivery at our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned to Tuesday, March 16, 1915.

H. H. Yawger,

Secretary

Hotel Rochester
Tuesday, March 16, 1915

72nd Meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association called to order by
President L. G. Amberg.

Members present: Messrs. French, - Merritt - W. H. Amberg - King - Woolsey -
Plumb - Bernstein - Bauer - Yawger - L. G. Amberg - Handler -
Bostwick - Koebe - Wild - Borradaile - Tillotson.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The following bills were presented for payment and ordered paid:

Geo. H. Smith, for sign,	\$.60
Bastian Brothers, for Medals,	50 63

Our third anniversary medal, with portrait of Mr. Bauer, struck in silver and bronze, was an exhibit and the medals were ready for delivery. The finish of this year's medal is a lighter bronze color, making the portrait stand out in bolder relief and bringing out the obverse more plainly, and all agreed that it was an improvement over our last two medals. Mr. Bauer was greatly pleased with the medal and took occasion to thank the Association for the honor conferred upon him, also to congratulate the R. N. A. for having such a talented artist among their number, one able to produce such a true-to-life portrait, and he wished Mr. Koebe to know that his work was appreciated.

Motion made by Mr. Merritt and carried that we present, with our compliments, one of our Third Anniversary Medals to each of the following: The American Numismatic Association of New York City, the Rochester Municipal Museum, and to Mr. W. R. Horstmann, Manager of the Hotel Rochester.

Attention being called to Mr. Granberg's article in the March issue of The Numismatist, with regard to holding the A. N. A. Convention in San Francisco, a discussion was started as to how many of the Rochester Association would attend if held in that city, and finally Mr. W. H. Amberg made a motion which was carried, that all in favor of holding the Convention there would raise their right hand, and not a hand was raised. Then a motion was carried that those in favor of holding the convention in the East - at Baltimore, Washington or Pittsburgh - following the sentiment of the National body as expressed at the last Convention, - would raise their hand, and fourteen members signified their willingness to attend.

Mr. Bauer suggested that it might be the means of arousing interest in the meetings if each member would prepare a short paper on the particular variety of coin in which he was especially interested and well informed, to be read at some meeting, - nothing at all elaborate but simply a statement of facts, enumerating rare coins in the particular class of which he treated, etc.

Dr. French gave a very interesting talk on 1794 cents, starting in with No. 1 and following them through from the Phelps sale and showing how they had increased in value when they were sold in the Gilbert sale, and explaining which were rare and unique, incidentally letting it be known that the Doctor himself established several new records in the price of these cents.

Meeting adjourned to Tuesday evening, April 6th.

H. H. Yawger

Secretary

Rochester Numismatic Association Third Anniversary Medal.

The above shows the Third Anniversary Medal issued by the Rochester Numismatic Association, and bear the portrait of Mr. George J. Bauer, President of the Association for 1914. The medal was designed and the dies cut by Mr. J. A. Koeb, a member of the same association, and the medals were made by Bastian Brothers of Rochester. Five were struck in silver and fifty in bronze.

Hotel Rochester
Tuesday, April 6, 1915

73rd meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association called to order,
by President L. G. Amberg.

Members present: Messrs. W. H. Amberg - Merritt - Ballard - King -
Woolsey - Plumb - Bauer - Yawger - J. G. Amberg - Handler -
Bostwick - Wild - Kingston - Borradaile - Kaufman.

Bill of J. A. Koeb for \$60.00 was presented for payment, and was ordered
paid as fast as funds come in.

Motion made by Mr. Merritt and carried, that the Association present one of
the third anniversary medals to Mr. J. A. Koeb.

Motion made and carried that a limited bid be submitted through Mr. Merritt
for medal of Dr. Heath, as catalogued for Elder's next sale.

Two sample ~~medals~~ Third Anniversary Medals were raffled and \$4.80 realized,
which will be placed in the Medal Fund.

Meeting adjourned to Tuesday, April 20, 1915.

H. H. Yawger,

Secretary

Hotel Rochester
Tuesday, April 20, 1915

74th meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association, President L. G. Amberg presiding.

Members present: Messrs. French - L. G. Amberg - Merritt - King - Bauer -
Wild - Borradaile - Kaufman - Plumb - Yawger - W. H. Amberg.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Mr. C. C. Hollis, Sales Manager of Bastian Brothers Company, this city, presented the Association, for its collection at the Rochester Municipal Museum, a Maine Memorial Medal, struck in brass. A vote of thanks was extended Mr. Hollis gift.

Dr. French read a paper on the overdates, errors, etc., of the United States copper coinage, having on exhibition his collection, as examples. Motion made and carried that a vote of thanks be extended the Doctor.

Meeting adjourned to Tuesday, May 4, 1915.

H. H. Yawger,

Secretary

Hotel Rochester
Tuesday, May 4, 1915

75th meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association called to order by
President L. G. Amberg.

Members present - Messrs. French - W. H. Amberg - Merritt - King - Woolsey -
Bauer - Yawger - L. G. Amberg - Bostwick - Koebe - Wild -
Borradaile - Kaufman - Tillotson - Stanley.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Mr. Bauer read a communication received from Mr. J. deLagerberg, who stated that he intended sending his collection of medals to the San Francisco Exposition, and would like one of each of our Anniversary Medals to place with the collection. Mr. Bauer signified his intention to send Mr. deLagerberg one of the medals displaying his portrait; Mr. Woolsey and Dr. French will also send one of each of the medals with their respective portraits.

Mr. Farran Zerbe, Chief of the Coin and Medal Department of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, sent the R. N. A., with his compliments, two specimens of the Exposition Official Medals, one in bronze and one in silver, and they certainly are fine products of the medallic art. A hearty vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Zerbe for his kindness, and the medals will be placed with our collection on exhibit at the Municipal Museum.

Mr. Merritt announced that he had received word from Mr. Granberg that the 1915 convention of the American Numismatic Association would be held in San Francisco. While this will be a disappointment to many of the R. N. A. members, on account of their inability to attend the convention, at that distance, still it will give the Western members the privilege we have enjoyed for the past few years here in the East, and every one of us will make strenuous efforts to boost and hurrah for San Francisco, and do all we are able to make the convention a success.

Mr. Theodore J. Venn, of Chicago, sent the R. N. A., with his compliments, a copy of his work on Large United States Cents, a Monograph on the Big Copper Pennies coined by the United States Government from 1793 to 1857, giving a description of the various types and varieties, their values in different states of preservation, based on auction sales, making it a valuable work of reference for the amateur as well as the advanced collector. Mr. Venn was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his gift.

Meeting adjourned to Tuesday, May 18, 1915.

H. H. Yawger

Secretary

Hotel Rochester
Tuesday, May 18, 1915

76th meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association called to order by
President L. G. Amberg.

Members present: Messrs. Woolsey - King - Merritt - Stanley - L. G. Amberg -
W. H. Amberg - Borradaile - Bauer - Yawger - Plumb - Wild -
French.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Bill of Bastian Brothers for \$6.00, for electrotype of 1915 medal, ordered paid.

Most of the evening was spent in talking Convention and it was suggested that
the Secretary write the Secretary of the Springfield Numismatic Association
inquiring if any of their members were planning to go to San Francisco, and
if so, suggest that they arrange to meet the Rochester members on their way,
in passing through this city, and all go on together.

Meeting adjourned to Tuesday, June 1, 1915.

H. H. Yawger

Secretary

Rochester Municipal Museum
Tuesday evening, June 1, 1915

77th meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association called to order by
President L. G. Amberg.

Members present: Messrs. French - W. H. Amberg - Merritt - King - Plumb -
Bauer - Yawger - L. G. Amberg - Bostwick - Koebe - Putnam -
Borradaile - Kaufman.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

A vote of thanks was extended Mr. E. D. Putnam for arranging that we might have the privilege of holding our meeting at the Rochester Municipal Museum, and for courtesies extended to us while there. It gave us an opportunity of inspecting our collection on exhibit there. While we are still short some of the varieties of the U. S. series, it is a very creditable collection, considering the short time we have been at it and the few to contribute.

A letter was read from Mr. R. M. McLachlan advising that he had been appointed Chairman of Committee (by President Duffield) to secure papers to be read at the San Francisco Convention of the A. N. A., in which he asked if any of our members would prepare and read a paper at that time. As it is at present uncertain just who will attend from here, the Secretary was instructed to advise Mr. McLachlan that the matter would be kept on the table and if it was found that any member would be able to read a paper we would advise him later.

Dr. French has on exhibition his complete set of 1794 Cents and gave a talk on the different numbers, etc., which was very interesting. Very few of the members had had the pleasure of seeing a complete set of 1794 cents in one collection. The Doctor was accorded a vote of thanks.

Meeting adjourned to Tuesday, June 15, 1915.

H. H. Yawger

Secretary

Dr. French exhibited his magnificent collection of 1794 cents numbering sixty one varieties. This is without doubt the finest and most complete collection of varieties of this date ever assembled. Forty eight varieties were extremely fine or uncirculated. The balance were very fine except Nos. 30 and 60 -the former of which was good, the latter very good. There are no duplicates known of these two numbers.

The Doctor spoke of the comparative varieties of each variety and showed an easy way to tell the variety. He also spoke of the combinations of obverses with a reverse and combinations of reverses with some obverse. He also stated that Nos. 38 and 53 do not exist, and that Hays simply perpetuated the blunders made by Marris. Hays 38 was Marris 27 and Hays 53 was Marris 54. Mr. Chas. Steigerwalt bought the Hays collection after the death of Mr. Hays and in the space for H. 38 was a worn 39 which was supposed by Hays to be slightly different from the piece he gave the number 39 and was the identical piece Dr. Marris had previously given the number 27 in his classification. In the Hays collection the space for H. 53 or M. 54 was vacant. Hays never had it and took his description from Marris. Marris made his blunder by not recognizing a new obverse. This obverse was first described by Hays and given the number 55 in his classification. Mr. W. W. Hays was nearly eighty years old when he completed his work and we can easily understand how he did not recognize the 38 as being the same as the 39. As stated before the description of the 53 was taken from Marris. The reverse of the H. 55 as well as the supposed reverse of H. 53 are the same as the H. 44. The H. 54 also has this reverse.

Hotel Rochester
Tuesday, June 15, 1915

78th meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association called to order by
President L. G. Amberg.

Members present: Messrs. French - W. H. Amberg - Merritt - Woolsey -
Plumb - Yawger - L. G. Amberg - Stanley - Bostwick -
Borradaile - Tillotson.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Mr. William Pillion of New York sent us a One-half Shekel (Mark Penny) of
Pottstown Chapter # 271, which will be placed on exhibition at the
Rochester Municipal Museum with the other Masonic pennies. The Secretary
was instructed to write and thank Mr. Pillion.

Motion made and carried that one of our Third Anniversary Medals, with
Mr. Bauer's portrait, be presented to Dr. Henderson of Columbus, Ohio,
with the compliments of the R. N. A.

Publications received:

Philatelic West

Mehl's Numismatic Monthly

Catalogue of Lyman H. Low's 181st sale, June 21, 1915.

Meeting adjourned to July 6, 1915.

H. H. Yawger

Secretary

Hotel Rochester
July 6, 1915

79th meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association called to order by
President L. G. Amberg.

Members present: Messrs. King - L. G. Amberg - Merritt - Bauer -
W. H. Amberg - Stanley - Bernstein - Borradaile -
Yawger - Dr. French.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Publications received:

Mehl's Numismatic Monthly

Catalog of Edward Michael Sale July 10, 1915.

Mr. Bauer exhibited a Baldwin & Co. 1850 \$10.00 Gold Piece, - obv. a mounted
vaquero to right in the act of throwing a lasso; beneath 1850, above California
Gold; below Ten Dollars. Rev. Eagle similar to that on regular U. S. series,
above Baldwin & Co., five stars at each side, below San Francisco, Adams 41,
the piece in extremely fine condition.

Meeting adjourned to Tuesday, July 20, 1915.

H. H. Yawger

Secretary

Hotel Rochester
Tuesday, July 20, 1915

80th Meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association called to order by President L. G. Amberg.

Members present: Messrs. Plumb - Bostwick - W. H. Amberg - Putnam - Merritt -
Handler - L. G. Amberg - Yawger - Bauer - Borradaile - French.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The members present had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Cramer, of Pittsburgh, Pa., who being here on a visit, attended the meeting.

Motion made and carried that only one meeting be held in August, viz., August 3rd.

The President appointed following Committee to arrange for our display at the Rochester Exposition to be held August 30th to September 11th: Messrs. Merritt, Bauer, Borradaile and Yawger. Our exhibit last year attracted a great deal of attention, and we are desirous of making it even more attractive this year.

Mr. William Poillon of New York presented our Association with two souvenir Masonic medals of Lodge St. Cecile of New York, which will be placed with our collection at the Rochester Municipal Museum. A vote of thanks was extended Mr. Poillon. The medals called to the mind of Mr. Putnam a very pleasant visit it had been his privilege to make, a number of years ago, at the invitation of one of the members of St. Cecile Lodge, to this lodge in the old Masonic Temple on Sixth Avenue, New York City, and he had ever since counted it one of the "red letter days" of his life.

Mr. Putnam stated, in a short talk, that perhaps the members were not aware of the unique position St. Cecile Lodge occupied among Masonic brethren. As he remembered, they met in the Dr. Keane lodge room, - so called after that famous Arctic explorer. The anteroom was a memorial to that expedition, in the many cases it held containing articles used or obtained on the trip. St. Cecile is a professional lodge, being composed mainly of actors, musicians, authors and others of like character. They meet in the afternoon, their only available time, and if memory serves aright, under special dispensation from the Grand Lodge so to work. Robert Mantell was Master of the Lodge and the other officials were equally as prominent in theatrical or musical circles. Lodge was called to order at 2.30 P.M. and remained in session over three hours. The feature of the afternoon for their visitor, aside from the dignity and solemnity of the work, was the frequent calls of "from labor to refreshment". At such times the master would arise from his chair and state: "Brother So-and-So will now recite a poem" - or give a solo - or sing a song, as the case might be. In each instance the member arose and gave the selection without demur, and in a manner only an artist could. Among these, Alvin Davis in a New England dialect story, the Cellist of the Metropolitan Opera Co. in a solo on the cello, and a trio from the same company, of violin, cello and piano, stand out most prominently in memory. The whole meeting seemed to emphasize in its spirit that truly Masonic cardinal virtue - brotherly love - and Mr. Putnam left, feeling that the afternoon had been well spent.

Meeting adjourned to August 3, 1915.

H. H. Yawger

Secretary

Aug 3/15

81st meeting

L. S. Amberg Pres.

Members present Mr Kaeb - Borradale - L. S. a
W. H. a. Dr French - Bauer Kaufman - Stanley
Yanoga - Merritt,

Porter 50¢

Outing and Special Meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Ass'n

On Wednesday afternoon, August 11th, at about 2 o'clock, the following members of the R. N. A. met at the place of business of Mr. G. J. Bauer, where three automobiles were waiting to take the party to dinner at Willowbank Inn, about three miles West of Batavia - a run of about forty miles:

Dr. Handler, Dr. French, Messrs. Borradaile, Plumb, W. H. Amberg, Bauer, L. G. Amberg, Putnam, Yawger, Ballard, Merritt, Stanley, and Dr. Tillotson.

It was agreed that there was to be no speeding on the way, and for about five miles of the way, they all behaved themselves nicely, then one of the cars made a dash forward, followed by the second one, while the automobile which was supposed to lead, kept on soberly at the rate of about 15 to 18 miles an hour, and overtook one of the cars at the New York State Fish Hatcheries at Mumford. All three cars met again at LeRoy, where the speeders were waiting, as we were to stop there and invite Mr. C. F. Clarke to go on with us to the dinner. After half an hour's visit with Mr. Clarke (who was unable to get away) we made another start.

We had gone but a short distance when the two speeders whizzed by us at a rate of about forty miles an hour, but it was another case of the tortoise and the hare - when we reached the inn at about 5.15 nothing was to be seen of the other two cars, and after waiting for about half an hour we began to be alarmed, fearing they might have been held up for speeding, were lost or had had an accident, the dinner having been ordered for 5.30. Finally, at about 6 o'clock, the two machines came charging up, and the only excuse they had to offer for their delay was that they had attended a moving picture show in Batavia.

Before we had our dinner, a special meeting was called. Mr. Merritt made a motion that, in view of the fact that Dr. French, at the Springfield Convention last year, had extended an invitation to the A. N. A. to hold their 1916 Convention in Rochester, N. Y., the invitation be renewed to hold the National Convention in Rochester next year. As none of the R. N. A. members will be at the San Francisco Convention to extend the invitation personally, the Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Waldo C. Moore, General Secretary of the A. N. A., asking him to do the honors and to extend our best wishes for a large and successful convention this year.

After the meeting we sat down to as fine a chicken dinner as could be served, with appetites sharpened by our ride so that full justice was done to everything set before us. A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Burkart and staff for their efforts. A vote of thanks was also extended to the members who furnished the automobiles. The party broke up about 8.30, when we started for home, all meeting at the Hotel Rochester, then home.

H. H. Yawger

Secretary

Masonic Club
Tuesday, September 7, 1915

83rd Meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association - President L. G. Amberg presiding.

Members present: Messrs. L. G. Amberg - Woolsey - Merritt - French-
Plumb - Bauer - Yawger - Borradaile - Stanley -
W. H. Amberg.

Mr. Bauman L. Belden of New York presented the R. N. A. with a copy of his work "War Medals of the Confederacy".

Mr. Harry F. Williams of Chicago presented the R. N. A. and the library of the A. N. A., each with a copy of his work on the "Gold Coins of Latin America".

A hearty vote of thanks was extended to both gentlemen for their generous gifts.

Motion made and carried that our collection of coins which was loaned to the Rochester Historical Society be transferred to the Rochester Municipal Museum on a long term loan.

On account of some convention being held in Rochester, every room in the Hotel Rochester was filled, and upon the invitation of Mr. Merritt, the meeting was held at the Masonic Club. Mr. Merritt furnished cigars, etc., as well as entertaining us with a talk on his automobile trip last week to New York via Albany, Springfield, Boston, New London to New York, meeting and having numismatic chats with Mr. Wurzbach at Lee, Mass., Mr. Oliver at Springfield, Mr. Hesslein and others at Boston and New York.

Meeting adjourned to September 21, 1915.

H. H. Yawger,

Secretary

Hotel Rochester
Tuesday, September 21, 1915

84th Meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association called to order ~~fx~~ by President L. G. Amberg.

Members present: Messrs. King - Bauer - Merritt - mYawger - Handler -
Bostwick - L. G. Amberg - W. H. Amberg - Borradaile -
Koebx- Plumb - Tillotson - Ballard - French.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Mr. W. H. Amberg exhibited his collection of Canadian Sou pieces, showing most of the rarities in fine and uncirculated condition.

Mr. A. H. Plumb also exhibited 36 varieties of Canadian Sou pieces, in splendid condition. A vote of thanks was extended both gentlemen for their kind efforts.

Our Vice President, Mr. King, entertained the members present with a talk on his trip to the Coast. Mr. King stopped at Chicago, Denver, Pike's Peak, Salt Lake City, Yellowstone Park, Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco, visiting the Fair, from there to Portland, Seattle, Vancouver, Canada, to St. Paul, and home again, having been away about eight weeks. His talk was greatly enjoyed by all and a vote of thanks was extended him.

Meeting adjourned to October 5, 1915

H. H. Yawger

Secretary

Hotel Rochester
Tuesday, October 5, 1915

85th Meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association called to order by
President L. G. Amberg.

Members present: Messrs. French - W. H. Amberg - Merritt - Woolsey - Bauer -
Yawger - L. G. Amberg - Handler - Bostwick - Tillotson -
Woodbury.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Mr. Waldo C. Moore, of Lewisburg, Ohio, presented the R. N. A. with two pieces
of script in proof condition - an 1861 25 ¢ and 1862 50 ¢ piece, on the
Farmers & Mechanics Bank of Rochester, N. Y. As these pieces of script are
on Rochester banks they will be of particular interest to the Rochester
public, and are being placed with our exhibit at the Rochester Municipal
Museum. Mr. Moore was accorded a vote of thanks for his gift.

The R. N. A. is also in receipt of a pamphlet from Mr. R. M. McLachlan, of
Montreal, P. Q., containing his address before the Royal Society of Canada
in May, 1915, the pamphlet being illustrated with a number of plates showing
Canadian coins. The Secretary was instructed to thank Mr. McLachlan in
behalf of the Association.

Mr. John C. Woodbury, of 145 Lake Avenue, Rochester, N. Y., made application
for membership. Mr. Woodbury, being present, had his application voted on
at once, and was duly elected a member of the R. N. A.

Meeting adjourned to October 19, 1915.

H. H. Yawger,

Secretary

Hotel Rochester
Tuesday, October 19, 1915

86th meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association called to order by
President L. G. Amberg.

Members present: Messrs. L. G. Amberg, - Stanley - Handler - Koeb - Bostwick -
W. H. Amberg - Putnam - Woodbury - Merritt - Plumb -
Woolsey - French - Borradaile - Yawger - Tillotson - Bauer.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Messrs. G. J. Bauer and F. E. Merritt presented the R. N. A. to be placed in
the collection on exhibit at the Rochester Municipal Museum, the following medals:

Set of 14 pcs. Sage's Historical Tokens

Set of 16 pcs. Lovett's Homes of the Presidents - 1st to 16th inclusive.

Set of 8 pcs. Washington - Reverse, Battles fought in 1776.

Ten Masonic Medals, as follows:

Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Pa.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, Albany, N. Y. 1898

Mary Commandery, K. T. Phila. Pa. (1868) Pilgrimage to California 1883

Dewitt Clinton G. M. LeRoy, N. Y. Old Round House.

Masonic Temple, Boston, Mass.

Masonic Temple, New York, N. Y.

Holländische Loge, New York.

General LaFayette

Geo. Washington, Father of our Country

Hopkins Lodge No. 180 F.A.M. Black Jack Grove, Texas.

Major John Andre. Rev. Old Dutch Church where he was tried.

Sammy Tilden 1876-78

Set of 5 pcs. Japan "Yen" down

English Penny Token. Gloucester Cathedral

English Penny Token. St. Nicholas Church.

A vote of thanks was extended them for their generous gift.

Mr. Merritt, one of the Board of Governors of the American Numismatic Association,
Read a letter written him by Mr. Granberg which was listened to with much interest,
as it related to arrangements being made to hold the 1916 A.N.A. Convention at
Baltimore, Md. during the latter part of September 1916.

Mr. Woodbury, our new member, exhibited some French medals which were the finest
specimens of medallion art that any of us were ever privileged to see, - one of
Gutenberg, inventor of the printing press, one of Louis Phillipe and several
others being exceptionally beautiful.

After the meeting a very successful auction sale was held.

Meeting adjourned to Tuesday evening, November 2, 1915.

H. H. Yawger

Secretary

Hotel Rochester,
Tuesday, November 2, 1915

87th Meeting of The Rochester Numismatic Association called to order by
President L. G. Amberg.

Members present: Messrs. L. G. Amberg - Bauer - Woodbury - French -
Tillotson - King - W. H. Amberg - Borradaile - Merritt -
Yawger.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

There was no special business of importance, and after some social visiting
a successful auction of coins was held.

Meeting adjourned to November 16, 1915.

H. H. Yawger

Secretary

Tuesday Evening, Nov. 16, 1915
Hotel Rochester

88th meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association called to order by
President L. G. Amberg.

Members present: Bauer - Woodbury - King - Merritt - Konfolf - Plumb -
Bostwick - Koeb - Woolsey - Borradaile - Handler -
Tillotson - W. H. Amberg - Yawger - L. G. Amberg - Ballard -
French - Williams -

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Duffield, advising of the death of Mr. Harry E. Montgomery of Buffalo, N. Y., which came as a great shock to all, it being the first intimation any of them had had of his passing away. President Amberg appointed following Committee to draft resolutions of sympathy to Mr. Montgomery's wife and family, a copy of which is placed in the minutes, as follows:

WHEREAS, it has pleased Almighty God to take from us on November 11th, 1915, Harry E. Montgomery, an Honorary Member of the Rochester Numismatic Association, our Society has lost a great scholar, an ardent Numismatist and a sincere friend, whose memory we shall always cherish, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the members of the Rochester Numismatic Association hereby express their great sorrow in the ending of so honorable and useful a life and the loss of a dear friend and member. Be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be spread on the minutes of the Society and a copy be sent to Mrs. Harry E. Montgomery, of ~~Rochester, N. Y.~~ Buffalo, N. Y.

The matter of our 1915 medal, with Mr. L. G. Amberg's portrait, was taken up and Mr. Koeb, our artist, was requested to go ahead and make all necessary arrangements.

Mr. M. A. Kondolf, 1211 Lyell Avenue, Gates, N. Y., applied in person for membership in our Association, and motion was duly made and ~~re~~ carried that Mr. Kondolf's application be accepted and he be declared a member at once.

Publications received:

Mehl's Numismatic Monthly

The Philatelic West

Catalog of Lyman H. Low's Sale Nov. 23, 1915

" " Edward Michael sale Nov. 23, 1915

There was an exhibition of Half Dimes by Messrs. Merritt, Bauer, L. G. Amberg, Yawger and French, and nearly every variety and mint mark of the Half Dime (with the exception of the 1802) was found on some of the cards, in condition from Fine to Proof. Mr. Merritt read an article on the Half Dimes, explaining the varieties, etc., which was interesting to all, as most of the members are collecting this series. The coins were displayed on cards made by Mr. C. T. Borradaile, one of our members, which made the exhibit more attractive and much easier to handle, for close examination of the coins.

Meeting adjourned to Tuesday, December 7, 1915.

H. H. Yawger

Secretary

Hotel Rochester
December 7, 1915

89th Meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association called to order by
President L. G. Amberg.

Members present: Messrs. King - Bostwick - Wild - Plumb - Ballard - Bauer -
Woodbury - W. H. Amberg - L. G. Amberg - Koebe - Stanley -
Merritt - Clark - Yawger - Woolsey - French - Tillotson -
Borradaile.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved. The members had the pleasure of
seeing Mr. C. F. Clarke, of LeRoy, N. Y., who has heretofore been unable to
attend meetings, on account of train connections making it impossible.
Mr. Clarke exhibited a \$5.00 Pike's Peak Gold Piece, J. J. Conway & Co.,
Bankers, and all present were very grateful to Mr. Clarke for allowing
them privilege of seeing and ~~handling~~ ^{examining} this great rarity.

A bill of \$3.00 from Bastian Brothers ^{Examining} for steel for the 1915 medal was ordered
paid.

President Amberg appointed the same Committee as last year (Messrs. King,
Merritt and French) to make arrangements for the annual dinner of the R.N.A.
which is to be held at the Hotel Rochester on Tuesday evening, January 18, 1916.
This Committee of hustlers made such a success of last year's affair that the
President evidently thought it best to keep them in harness for this year also.

Messrs. Stanley and French were appointed a Committee to select a present for
Mr. Horstman, Manager of the Hotel Rochester, to be presented him at the dinner,
in token of appreciation for the many favors shown this Association.

The matter of extending an invitation to the Rochester Philatelic Association
to join us at our Annual Dinner, was taken up and President Amberg appointed
the following Committee to confer with the R. P. S. with regard to speakers,
arrangements, etc.: Messrs. W. H. Amberg, Wild, and Handler.

Nomination of officers for the ensuing year being in order, the following
nominations were made and will be voted on at the next meeting:

For President - F. B. King
Vice President and Treasurer - F. E. Merritt
Secretary - H. H. Yawger.

Meeting adjourned to Tuesday, December 21, 1915.

H. H. Yawger

Secretary

Hotel Rochester,
Tuesday, December 21, 1915.

90th meeting called to order by President L. G. Amberg.

Members present: Messrs. L. G. Amberg - Handler - Bostwick - Borradaile -
Harold - Plumb - French - King - Woodbury - Bauer -
W. H. Amberg - Merritt - Wild - Yawger.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Mr. King read an answer to a letter he had written Mr. Henry Chapman of Philadelphia inviting him to attend our annual dinner January 18, 1916 and address the members on some numismatic subject, wherein Mr. Chapman stated that he would be very much pleased to come, and suggested several subjects for his talk. The one which seemed to please most of the members was "Colonial Coins". Finally the matter was put to a motion and it was decided that it be left to Mr. King to select the subject.

Motion carried that ladies be invited to attend this dinner, and every member is requested to bring his wife (or sweetheart, as the case may be) and a large attendance of members and their ladies is hoped for.

Mr. W. H. Amberg, Chairman of the Committee appointed to confer with the Rochester Philatelic Association in regard to their joining us at the dinner, reported that they will be very glad to do so, and that the R. P. A. had appointed a Committee to advise with our Committee of arrangements for speakers, etc.

Mr. King, Chairman of the dinner Committee, reported that the menu, music and songs were being arranged for, and he hoped everything would be much better than last year, particularly the music.

Motion carried that the price for the dinner will be \$2.50 per plate.
Mr. J. C. Woodbury stated that he would be unable to attend the dinner, as he was leaving for California on the 1st of January, but wanted to pay for two dinners, therefore donated \$5.00 towards the dinner fund.

Motion made and carried that the die of last year's medal, with portrait of Mr. Bauer, be presented to him, with the compliments of the Association.
Mr. Bauer expressed his appreciation of the gift in his usual graceful manner.

Motion made and carried that a \$5.00 gold piece be presented to Miss Lorscheider in slight token of appreciation for her services during the year, in writing the minutes, etc. for the Secretary.

Treasurer's report for 1915 was read by Mr. Merritt, as follows:

Cash Account Year 1915 to December 21, 1915

January 1, 1915, Balance, \$ 137 48

Receipts

Dues - 35 @ 2.00		\$ 70 00
Geo. J. Bauer Medal,	\$ 25 00	
32 @ 1.75,	56 00	
5 @ 4.25,	21 25	
Auction,	7 05	109 30
Dr. French,		15 00
Rochester Philatelic Association,		3 50
Interest to June 15, 1915,	2 69	
	3 08	6 77
Commission Auction Sales,	16 83	16 83
		220 40
		357 88

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Receipts, For'd,
Disbursements

Postal Cards and Postage,	\$ 10 00	
Porter,	10 00	
Scarabei for Mr. Horstman,	7 00	
Dinner Expense,	2 80	
Medal,	116 63	
Etceteras,	11 70	
		\$XXXIX 75
		158 13
		\$ 199 75

Motion carried that the Treasurer's report be incorporated in the minutes, and Mr. Merritt was heartily thanked for the fine showing he had made.

Secretary's report for the year ending December 21, 1915 was read by Mr. Yawger, as follows:

"On January 1, 1915 we had a membership of 38, composed of 34 Active and 4 Honorary members. During the year four new members were taken in and two Honorary members added. There was one resignation and one death, making the membership at this time - 37 Active and 5 Honorary.

On January 19th our annual dinner took place jointly with the Rochester Philatelic Association and was considered by the 41 persons attending, a very successful affair.

On March 16th our Third Annual Medal with portrait of Mr. Bauer was delivered, out by artist Mr. J. A. Koeb. *no. etc*

On August 11th the members enjoyed an automobile ride, picture show and dinner at Willow Bend Inn, near Batavia.

The library was presented with the following during the year:

Book on U. S. Cents, by T. J. Venn, of Chicago;

Gold Coins of North America, by H. F. Williams, Chicago;

War Medals of the Confederacy, by B. L. Belden, New York City;

Canadian Coins, by R. W. McLachlan, Montreal, Canada;

Also price catalogues of all the important sales held during the year.

Our exhibits at the Rochester Municipal Museum (of which we may well be proud) have been added to and improved during the year, some of the additions being as follows: Historical Medals and Tokens, by Messrs. Bauer and Merritt;

Maine Memorial Medal, by Mr. C. C. Hollis, Rochester, N. Y.

Masonic Pennies, etc., by Chas. K. Warner, Philadelphia;

do. by Wm. Pillon, New York City;

San Francisco Official Medal, by Mr. Farran Zerbe;

Script Money on Rochester Bank, by Mr. W. C. Moore, Lewisburg, Ohio;

and the set of U. S. large pennies has been bettered."

Motion carried that the Secretary's report be accepted as read, and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

Mr. Putnam, Curator of the Rochester Municipal Museum, informed Mr. Merritt that the Museum had a new coin case ordered, which would be ready for the R. N. A. coins in about a week. It is proposed to fill this case with exhibits belonging to the members, on long time loans. It was also suggested that the two cases we now have there be arranged to show the medals in one case, the U.S. series and others in the other case.

Dr. French was at the Rochester Municipal Museum last week and finding he could improve on some of the specimens now on exhibit there, presented the Association with the following Cents in Very Fine and Uncirculated condition: 1794 - 1803 - 1808 - 1810 - 1811 - 1812 - 1814 - 1816 - 1817 - 1818 - 1819 - 1824 - 1825 - 1828 - 1831 - 1834 - 1835 - 1837, Beaded Hair Cord - 1837, Plain Hair Cord - 1840, - 1841 - 1844 - 1846 - 1852 - 1854 - 1855. Motion carried that Dr. French be thanked for his generous gift.

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The Election of Officers being next in order, Mr. L. G. Amberg, the retiring President, thanked the members of the Association for the support given him during the year, stating that he considered it had been a very successful year, both financially and otherwise. His only regret was that on account of the distance of Rochester from this year's Convention city, none of our members had attended. Motion made and carried that Mr. Amberg be thanked for his strict attention to duty during his term of office, he not having missed a meeting, and for his loyalty.

Mr. Amberg retires with the best wishes of every member of the R.N.A.

Mr. Amberg then called Mr. G. J. Bauer, ^{past} Vice President, to take the chair for election of officers, and the following were elected unanimously:

Mr. F. B. King, President

Mr. F. E. Merritt, Vice President and Treasurer

Mr. H. H. Yawger, Secretary.

Mr. King, our new President, in a few fitting remarks, thanked the members for the honor conferred upon him, mentioning that he thought he would have to keep up some gait to do as well as his predecessor in office, and hoped he would be able to carry on the work and that the Association would be in as good shape a year from now as it is at present. He suggested that an invitation be extended to all of our out of town numismatic friends who might be able to attend.

The members were much pleased to welcome into their midst once more, Mr. Harold, it being the first meeting he has attended for some time on account of poor health. He tells us he is now much better and hopes to be a regular attendant at the meetings next year.

Motion made and carried that a copy of the Treasurer's and Secretary's reports be mailed to those members who were not present at this meeting.

Meeting adjourned to January 4, 1916.

H. H. Yawger,

Secretary